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R E S O L U T T E,

G E R R I T R I E V E R T S, *Master.*

A P P E N D I X

T O T H E

R E S P O N D E N T's Printed *CASE.*

PREPARATORY EXAMINATIONS, taken by Virtue of the Commission directed to George Steuart, Esq; and returned therewith, together with the INTERROGATORIES.

T H E I N T E R R O G A T O R I E S.

Imprimis, **D**O you know, or have you heard, or been credibly informed, where, or in the Dominions of what Prince, the said Snow called the *Resolute* was built; to the Subject of what Prince or State did the said Snow belong, when built; particularly was she, to your Knowledge or Belief, built in any Part of the Dominions of the *French King*; was she, when built, the Property of any Subject of the *French King*; and particularly, to your Knowledge or Belief, was she the Property of any Subject of the *French King* since the Year 1755? Declare your Knowledge and your Belief, with the Reasons thereof fully and at large.

2dly, Of what Commodities or Particulars did her Lading or Cargo consist, when the said Snow was taken or seized by the said Captain *Francis Lowndes*? Do you know, have you heard, or been credibly informed, or have you any, and what Reasons, to believe at what Place the Commodities or Particulars of which her Lading or Cargo then consisted, did grow or were produced; particularly declare, to the best of your Knowledge and Belief, whether they, or any, and what Part of them, were of the Growth of any of the *French Colonies in America*, or any other, and what other, Dominions of the *French King*?

3dly, Where were the Casks made in which the Commodities on board the said Snow are contained, to the best of your Knowledge and Belief; particularly, are they of *French Make*?

4thly, To and from what Place or Places was your Voyage last before that in which you was taken; and what was the Lading or Cargo of the Vessel in which you made the said Voyage? Declare your Knowledge and Belief.

5th, From what Place, and to what Place, was you bound, when taken by Captain *Francis Lowndes*; whether there is any Trade carried on from the Place from whence you was bound, to or from any, and which, of the Ports or Colonies of the *French King*; and in what Manner that Trade is carried on? Declare your Knowledge and Belief herein.

6th, Whether any Commodities were put on board the Snow *Resolute*, from any other, and what, Vessel or Vessels; and from what Part of the World the Vessel or Vessels came, from which any Commodities were put on board the said Snow? Declare your Knowledge and Belief.

7thly, To whom the Snow called the *Resolute* belongs; how did the Person or Persons to whom the said Snow belongs, gain his, her, or their Property; for what Sum of Money; upon what Agreement; with whom; under what Circumstances; where? Declare to the best of your Knowledge and Belief.

8thly, At what Time was the present Master of the Snow *Resolute* appointed; and by whom was the said Snow at that Time laden, intirely or in Part? Declare your Knowledge and Belief.

9thly, When was you first shipped on board, or spoke to to be shipped on board the said Snow, and for what Voyage; and by whom was any other Voyage proposed to you in the said Snow; by any and what Person, before the Voyage was agreed upon in which you was taken? If yea, for what Reason, as you have heard and believe, was the Voyage first proposed to you laid aside?

10th, Did you, or any other Person on board the said Snow, refuse to sail upon the last Voyage of the said Snow, without first having your or his Wages for the Voyage? If yea, did you or he assign any, and what Reason, why you or he insisted upon your or his Wages; and did you or he get any, and what Part, of your or his Wages, before the Departure of the said Snow, and from whom? Declare your Knowledge and Belief.

11th, Did you know of any Letters, Papers, or other Writings or things, which shew the said Snow, or her Lading or Cargo, to be the Property of any Subject of the *French King*, or that any Subject of the *French King* is interested or concerned therein? If yea, where the said Letters, Papers, or other Writings or things are? If nay, do you know, or have you observed or heard, and in what Manner, and from whom, any thing which may shew, or tend to shew, that the said Snow was, or any of the Commodities on board were, the Property of any Subject of the *French King*, or in which any Subject of the *French King* is interested or concerned?

12th, Whether all the Papers, Letters, and other Writings on board the said Snow, when she took her Departure from her Port, have been produced? If not, what other Papers, Letters, and other Writings, were on board, where they are, and what is become thereof? Whether any Letters, Papers, or other Writings whatsoever, have been sunk, burnt, or otherwise destroyed by you, or any other Person, at any Time or any Occasion, since your Departure from the Port aforesaid? If yea, what were the Contents thereof?

THE EXAMINATIONS.

Gerrit Rieverts, the Master, sworn and examined, 6th February, 1759.

To the first Interrogatory he answers, That he does not know where the *Snow Resolute* was built; but that he believes she is of *French* built; he does not know to whom she belonged when built, but he believes, she then belonged to some Subject of the *French* King, and that she has belonged, within three Years last past, to some Subject of the *French* King.

To the second he answers, That the Commodities, or Particulars, of which the Lading, or Cargo consists, are specified in the Manifest, and Bills of Lading, produced, except some few Articles which, to the best of his Knowledge and Remembrance, are as follow: Two Casks, as Presents, the Contents unknown, two Bags of Coffee, one Cask, and a Box of Sugar and Sweetmeats, belonging to himself, and some Casks belonging to the Mate. He says, he does not know where the Commodities, or Particulars, of which the Cargo aforesaid consists, grew, or were produced: He says, he has heard, and believes, that Part of the Cargo grew and was produced in some Part of the Dominions of the *French* King in *America*, but where he cannot set forth; nor can he set forth what Part of the Cargo aforesaid, particularly grew, or was produced there; but he says, that he believes, that no Part of the Cargo is of the Growth of the *Dutch* Settlements, except the Cotton and Orange Peels, which he believes grew at *Curacao*; and that he has heard, that the Hides, Wood, and Cocoa, came from, and are the Produce of some of the *Spanish* Settlements.

To the third he answers, That he cannot set forth where the Casks were made, and that he has no Reason to believe they are of *English*, *Dutch*, or *French* Make, for that he cannot distinguish *French* Casks from any other, though he has often seen *French* Casks.

To the fourth he answers, That the Voyage he made, next before that in which he was taken by Captain *Lowndes*, was from *Amsterdam* to *Ireland*, and from *Ireland* to *Curacao*; and that half of the Lading, or Cargo, was taken in in *Ireland*, and consisted of Beef, Butter, Pork, and Candles, which he carried to *Curacao*.

To the fifth he answers, That he was bound from *Curacao* to *Amsterdam*, when he was taken: He says, That he believes, that there is a Trade carried on between *Curacao* and the *French* Islands, and that Commodities of the *French* Islands are brought thence to *Curacao*, and exported again from *Curacao*.

To the sixth he answers, That he has heard, and believes, that some of the Commodities, of which the Cargo consists, were put on board the aforesaid *Snow* from some Vessel, or Vessels, from some of the *French* Islands.

To the seventh he answers, That *John Jacob Faesch*, Jun. was Owner of the said *Snow*; he says, That his Reason for saying, that the said *Faesch* was Owner of the said *Snow* is, that he was appointed to command her by the said *Faesch*, and that it appears by the Papers produced, that the said *Faesch* was Owner: He says, That he does not know how the Property in the said *Snow* was originally changed from the Subjects of the *French* King.

To the eighth he answers, That he was appointed Master of the said *Snow* the Second of *August* last, that when he was appointed Master, the said *Snow* was about half laden.

To the ninth he answers, That before he was shipped on board the said *Snow*, the Voyage he undertook was proposed to him, and that no other Voyage was proposed to him than that from *Curacao* to *Amsterdam*.

To the tenth he answers, He does not know, that any Person on board the said *Snow* refused to sail, without having the Wages first paid; that the Wages were, by Agreement, to be paid at *Amsterdam*, except, that each Person received a Month Wages in advance, save one Person, who received nothing, and the Mate, who received his Wages to the Twenty-eighth of *August*, and a Month's Wages also besides; and that he understood the Reason of the Mate's receiving more than the rest was, that he had been long employed in the said *Snow*, and had a Family at *Curacao*, to be supplied in his Absence.

To the eleventh, to the first Part of this Interrogatory, He answers in the negative; he answers also, in the negative, to the rest of the said Interrogatory.

To the twelfth he answers, That all the Papers, Letters, and other Writings, have been produced which belong to the *Snow* aforesaid: He answers, That no Letters, Papers, or other Things whatsoever, to his Knowledge, or by his Direction, have been sunk, burnt, or otherwise destroyed, by himself, or any other Person, at any Time, or on any Occasion, since he left *Curacao*, to this Time.

Examined and sworn before me, February 6, 1759,

GEORGE STEUART.

GERRIT RIEVERTS.

Christopher Reiter, a Mariner, sworn and examined, 6th February, 1759.

To the first Interrogatory he answers, That he does not know where the *Snow Resolute* was built; but that he heard from *Curacao*, from a Man that was Commander of her, next before the present Captain, that the said *Snow* was built in the Dominions of the *French* King; and that he believes, the same to be true, she appearing to be *French* built: He has heard, and believes, That within two Years last past, the *Snow Resolute*, did belong to the Subjects of the *French* King, for that the said Vessel was brought to *Curacao* only fourteen Months before she sailed from thence; and that he understood, that she was *French* Property, a very small Time before she was brought there.

To the second he answers, That the Lading of the *Snow Resolute*, when she was taken by Captain *Lowndes*, consisted of Sugar, some Tobacco, Indigo, Coffee, Cocoa, Cotton, Lime-juice, Hydes, Orange-peeling, and two Sorts of Wood, but every Particular he cannot remember; that he hath heard, and believes, that the Sugar, Indigo, and Coffee, are of the Growth and Produce of *St. Domingo*; that he hath heard, that the Hides came from the Dominions of the King of *Spain*, in *America*; but of what Growth, or Produce, the other Parts of the Cargo are, he hath not heard, nor does he know.

To the third he answers, That he hath heard, that the Casks that contains the Sugar, on board the *Snow Resolute*, were *French* Casks, and that he believes, that they are so, for that he has often seen, and is well acquainted with the Manner of the *French* Peoples making their Casks: He further saith, That he really believes, that some of the Casks that contain the Indigo are of *French* Make.

To the fourth he saith, That his last Voyage to *Curacao*, was from the Coast of *Guinea*, and that their Cargo was principally Negroes.

To the fifth he saith, That when he was taken by Captain *Lowndes*, he was on a Voyage from *Curacao* to *Amsterdam*: He further saith, That Vessels frequently carry on a Trade, as he has heard, and believes to be true, from *Curacao*, to the *French* Islands; and that, in particular, he hath seen Sugar brought in *French* Vessels, navigated by *Frenchmen*, to *Curacao*, which he understood, and believed, came from *St. Domingo*.

To the sixth he saith, That he well remembers, that two Sloops, or Vessels, the first navigated by *French* and *Spaniards*, the other by *Creoles* and *Negroes*, while the *Snow Resolute* lay at *Curacao*, brought between One Hundred and Ten and One Hundred and Thirty Hogsheads of Sugar to the said *Snow*, and put the same on board her, without having landed it at *Curacao*; and that, he heard, and believed, at the Time the same was put on board the said *Snow*, that the said Sugars was brought in the said Vessels from *St. Domingo*: He further saith, That the said Sugars are now, and were on board the *Snow Resolute*, when she was taken by Captain *Lowndes*; and that he does not know of any other Part of the Cargo, that was put on board the said *Snow*, from any of the *French* Islands, or Dominions, in Vessels.

To the seventh he saith, That he heard at *Curacao*, that the *Snow Resolute*, belonged to a Widow-woman, at *Curacao*, called the Widow *Tipple*; That she came on board the said Vessel, when she was at *Curacao*, and gave some

some Directions about their sailing; and that he understood the present Captain received the said Widow Tipple's Directions about victualling the said Vessel: He saith he doth not know, how the said Widow Tipple did gain her Property in the said Snow, nor for what Sum of Money, or upon what Agreement; nor hath he heard any thing relating thereto, except, that the Mate of the Snow *Resolutte* told him, that the Widow Tipple bought the said Snow from an *Englishman*, who had taken her as a Prize from the *French*.

To the eighth he saith, That the present Master *Gerrit Rieverts*, was appointed Master of the said Snow about five Weeks before she sailed from *Curacoa*, when she was about three Parts loaded; that he hath heard, That one *Jacob John Faesch* appointed the present Captain *Gerrit Rieverts* Master, and that the said *Jacob John Faesch* hired the said Vessel from the Widow Tipple: He saith, That he does not know, nor hath he heard, to whom the Cargo of the said Snow belonged.

To the ninth he saith, That he was shipped, as a Sailor, on board the said Snow, about ten Months and an half ago, by the former Master of the said Snow, John Lowtherback, to go on a Voyage from *Curacoa* to *St. Domingo*, and from thence to *Amsterdam*; that he hath heard, That Salt was to be prepared at *Curacoa*, and put on board the said Snow to ballast her to *St. Domingo*, where she was to take in her Loading to *Amsterdam*: That before the said Salt was laden on board the said Snow, *Jacob John Faesch* came to the said John Lowtherback, and told him, That he need not go to *St. Domingo*, for that her Cargo should be brought to *Curacoa*; upon which the Voyage to *St. Domingo* was laid aside, and the Vessel began to take in her Cargo at *Curacoa*: That he heard and understood, that the only Reason why the said Snow did not go to *St. Domingo*, to take in her Cargo, was, for fear she should be taken and made a Prize of by the *English*.

To the tenth he saith, That he and other Sailors on board the said Snow, did insist on having what Wages were due to them, on board the said Vessel, before they sailed from *Curacoa*; and upon being told by a Man of the Widow Tipple's, that they might have their Wages at *Amsterdam*, they expressed their Fear of being taken by the *English*; upon which he, and some other Sailors, received one Month's Wages, from the Man sent to them by the said Widow Tipple.

To the eleventh he saith, That he knows not of any Letters, Papers, or other Writings, that would shew to whom the said Vessel belongs, or who are interested in her Cargo: That he hath not heard, nor does he know, any other Matter, that may shew, or tend to shew, that the said Snow, or any Commodities on board her, was the Property of any Subject of the *French King*, or any Subject of the *French King* was interested therein, than what is herein before set forth.

To the twelfth he saith, That he knows nothing of the Papers that have been produced, or what Papers were on board the said Snow when she took her Departure from *Curacoa*; and that he knows of no Papers that have been secreted, sunk, or destroyed.

CHRISTOPHER RECTOR + his Mark.

Examined and sworn before me this 6th Day of February, 1759,
GEORGE STEUART.

Albert Phillips, a Mariner, sworn
and examined, 7th February, 1759.

To the first Interrogatory he answers. That he believes the Snow *Resolutte* is a *French built Vessel*, and does not know that she belongs to any other Person besides the Widow Tipple; he found her at *Curacoa*, and knows nothing further about her.

To the second he answers, That the Loading of the Snow *Resolutte*, at the Time of her being taken by Captain *Lowndes*, consisted of Sugar, Coffee, Cocoa, Indigo, Cotton, two sorts of Woods, the one *Lignum Vitæ*, and the other called Red wood, Hides, Tobacco, and Lime-juice. He does not know, but believes, all the foregoing Sugars, Indigo, and Coffee, were the Produce of the *French Islands*; and for the Reason of such Belief he says, The last-mentioned Particulars do not grow in *Curacoa*, but are generally brought thither in Sloops from the *French Islands*.

To the third he answers, That the Sugars on board the *Resolutte* are contained in Casks, and that he believes these Casks were made in the *French Islands*, for that he is well acquainted with the Make of *French Casks*.

To the fourth he answers, That the Voyage before the present one, he, the Deponent, sailed from *Amsterdam* in a Fly-boat, bound, as the other Captain told him, to *Curacoa*; but instead of going thither, the Captain carried that Vessel into *Cape Francois*, and that her Lading then consisted of Salt, Beer, Coals, Soap, Candles, and other dry Goods; that the Captain there landed six great Guns, then loaded at *Cape Francois*, with Sugar, for *Amsterdam*; and on her Voyage thither was taken by the *Princess Mary* Man of War, and carried into *Jamaica*, and there both Vessel and Cargo, were condemned, the Cargo for *French* Commodity, and the Vessel for having landed at *Cape Francois*, the six great Guns already mentioned.

To the fifth he answers, When the *Resolutte* was taken by Captain *Francis Lowndes*, she last sailed from *Curacoa*, bound to *Amsterdam*; that there is a Trade between *Curacoa* and the *French Islands*; and that Sloops go from *Curacoa* to the *French Islands*, and thence bring Sugars, Indigo, and Coffee, to *Curacoa*.

To the sixth he answers, That he was on board the *Resolutte* while she laded at *Curacoa*; that Part of the Sugars she has on board, were brought to her at *Curacoa*, in two Sloops; in the first about Seventy Hogsheads, and in the second Sloop about Forty-four; and, as he heard from several Persons at *Curacoa*, and believes, they brought those Sugars from *St. Domingo*, or other *French Islands*, and were taken out of the Sloops along Side the Snow, and put on board her.

To the seventh he answers, That he believes the Snow *Resolutte* belongs to the Widow Tipple, but knows not how she acquired the Property, she having owned her before he came to *Curacoa*.

To the eighth he answers, That, to the best of his Remembrance, the present Master of the *Resolutte* was appointed such about the Beginning of August last, by *Jacob John Faesch* at *Curacoa*, and at that Time the said Snow had taken in more than Half her Loading at that Port.

To the ninth he answers, That he was shipped as a Mariner on board the Snow *Resolutte*, the 23d of May last, at *Curacoa*; that he was applied to by the Master of the *Resolutte*, now deceased, on the 22d of the same Month, to go a Voyage from *Curacoa* to *St. Domingo*, but knows not who proposed the Alteration of the Voyage, nor the Reason for so doing.

To the tenth he answers, That neither did he himself, nor any other of the Mariners belonging to the *Resolutte*, that he knows of, refuse to go the present Voyage without having their Wages paid down; but that he and several others did demand a Month's Advance, and received it from a young Man, who does Business for the Widow Tipple, before they sailed from *Curacoa* in the *Resolutte* this present Voyage; that he was sick on board the said Snow four or five Weeks, while she lay at *Curacoa*.

To the eleventh he answers totally in the negative, except what he hath already answered to the foregoing Interrogatories.

To the twelfth he answers, That he knows nothing.

Sworn before me this 7th Day of February, 1759,
GEORGE STEUART.

ALBERT PHILLIPS.

Jurgans, a Mariner,
sworn and examined, 7th February,

To the first Interrogatory he answers, That the Snow *Resolutte* is a *French-built Vessel*; that when he first came to *Curacoa*, which was in January 1758, the Snow *Resolutte* belonged to the Widow Tipple, who, some Time the latter End of July, or Beginning of August last, sold her to *Jacob John Faesch*; knows not when she was built, but says she is an old Vessel, but believes, when built, was the Property of the *French*; that, on the 28th of March last, she was shipped

shipped on board her; he does not know to whom the said Snow belonged before she became the Property of the Widow Tipple, nor does he know that she belonged, since 1755, to any French Person.

To the second he answers, That when the Snow *Resolute* was taken by Captain Francis Lowndes, her Lading consisted of Sugar, Indigo, Coffee, Cocoa, Cotton, Hides, Tobacco, two sorts of Wood, the one Red-wood, and the other Lignum Vitæ, Lime-juice, and Orange-peel: All which were put on board the said Snow at *Curacoa*. That two Sloops of the Sugar, Part of her Lading, the first of which Sloops brought Seventy, and the second Forty-four Hogheads of Sugar, lay along-side of the Snow, and the Sugar was from them immediately put on board the said Snow; and that he has heard, and believes, these two Sloops brought their Sugars immediately from St. Domingo, a French Island; he knows not where the Indigo, Coffee, Cocoa, or Tobacco were produced, but says they were taken on board the Snow from *Curacoa*, but that the Hides and Woods were the Produce of the Spanish Main.

To the third he answers, That he does not know the Difference between French Casks and others, but says the Sugars on board the said Snow are in Casks.

To the fourth he answers, That his last Voyage was from *St. Croix* to *Curacoa*, in a Danish Ship in Ballast.

To the fifth he answers, That the Snow *Resolute*, when taken by Captain Francis Lowndes, sailed from *Curacoa* to *Amsterdam*, and that there is a Trade carried on between *Curacoa* and the French Islands, and that Sugar, Coffee, and Indigo, are carried from those Islands to *Curacoa*, who return to the French Islands Provisions and other Goods.

To the sixth he answers as to the second.

To the seventh he answers, That the Snow *Resolute* now belongs to Jacob John Faesch, who bought her of the Widow Tipple, but he knows not what was given for her, nor the Agreement concerning her, nor any thing of the Circumstances.

To the eighth he answers, That the present Master of the said Snow was appointed such three or four Weeks before she sailed from *Curacoa*, by Jacob John Faesch; that the said Snow was not compleatly laden at such Appointment, but that her Hold was then almost full.

To the ninth he answers, That he was shipped on board the said Snow the 12th of March, 1758, on a Voyage to St. Domingo, but knows not, nor ever heard, the Reason why she did not proceed thither; but instead thereof, the then Master of the said Snow (now deceased) proposed to proceed to *Amsterdam*.

To the tenth he answers, That neither himself, nor any other of the Mariners belonging to the said Snow, as he knows or has heard, refused to sail from *Curacoa* without their Wages being paid down, but that they had one Month's Wages advanced before they did sail from *Curacoa*, which was paid them by a young Man, Clerk to Jacob John Faesch, who does likewise Business for the Widow Tipple.

To the eleventh he answers totally in the negative.

To the twelfth he answers, That he knows nothing.

Examined and sworn to before me this 7th Day of February, 1759,
GEORGE STEUART.

ANDREAS JURGANS.

John Tivers Croff, Boatwain,
sworn and examined, 8th February,
1759.

To the first Interrogatory he answers, That he does not know where the Snow *Resolute* was built; he says, The first Time he knew any thing of the said Snow was upon his Arrival at *Curacoa*, which was on the 1st Day of May last; that he believes the said Snow was built in the Dominions of the French King, and that he has heard at *Curacoa* that she had been a French Privateer, had been run on Ground by an English Privateer, where she lay a considerable Time; that she was afterwards got off, and sold at *Curacoa*; that he believes, when built, she belonged to some Subject of the French King; that he has heard she was sold for Six Hundred Pieces of Eight at *Curacoa*.

To the second he answers, That when the Snow was taken by Captain Lowndes, her Cargo consisted of Hides, Tobacco, Wood of two Kinds, to wit, Red-wood and Lignum Vitæ, Indigo, Cotton, Cocoa, Coffee, Sugar, Lime-juice, and Orange-peels; that the said Cargo was taken on board at *Curacoa*; that all the Cargo aforesaid was taken from the Shore at *Curacoa*, except the Sugar; and as to the Sugar he says, That two Sloops, one containing about Forty Casks of Sugar, the other about Sixty, from St. Domingo, came along-side the Snow at *Curacoa*, and that the said Sugars were taken immediately out of the said Sloops, on board the said Snow; that he does not know where the Indigo, Coffee, Cotton, Sugar, or Tobacco grew; but he says, That he has no Reason to believe where the Cotton grew; that he believes the Tobacco grew in the Dominions of the King of Spain; and also that the Cocoa, Wood, and Hides, are the Produce of some of the Dominions of Spain; and that the Lime-juice and Orange-peeling are the Produce of *Curacoa*.

To the third he answers, That he has seen French Casks, and, from what he observed on seeing them, and from his Observation of the Casks on board the Snow *Resolute*, he apprehended them to be French Casks.

To the fourth he answers, That his Voyage next before this in which he was taken by Captain Lowndes, was from St. Domingo, in a Dutch Vessel, to *Amsterdam*, as the Master told him; he says, of his Knowledge, That the said Vessel took her Departure from St. Domingo, and was laden with Sugar, Indigo, and Coffee; and he further saith, That though the Master of the said Vessel told him the said Voyage was intended to *Amsterdam*, he believes the Intention of the Master was to go to France; he says, That his Reason for believing that it was the Master's Design to go to France is, that, when they were on the Point of sailing, the Crew demanded their Wages, from an Apprehension of being taken by the English; that the Master refused to pay them, and threatened, in Case of their Refusal to do their Duty, that he would put them on board a French Man of War, which then lay there to convoy the St. Domingo Fleet to France; and that he sailed with the Fleet, under the Convoy of the said French Man of War, and six more French Ships of War. He further says, That the first Day after he sailed as aforesaid, he lost the Convoy aforesaid; and in about six or seven Days after, which was some Time in the Month of December, 1757, he was taken by an English Man of War, and carried into *Jamaica*, where the Vessel and Cargo was condemned; and he also says, That when he was carried to St. Domingo as aforesaid, it was contrary to his Agreement, for that his Agreement was, and he was accordingly shipped to go, from *Curacoa* to *Amsterdam*, though the Vessel, by the Directions of the Master, was carried to St. Domingo.

To the fifth he answers, That he was bound from *Curacoa* to *Amsterdam*; and that there is a Trade carried on between *Curacoa* and the French Islands, particularly with St. Domingo, in French Sloops and Schooners, as this Depo-
nent has heard, and believes, in which Commodities of the Growth of the French Islands are brought to *Curacoa*, and that they are thence exported.

To the sixth, This answered under the second.

To the seventh he answers, That he understood the Snow *Resolute* belonged, when she sailed from *Curacoa*, to Mynheer John Jacob Faesch, jun. the Reasons of his Belief he says are as follows: That he was shipped on board the said Snow by Agreement with the Widow Tipple; that as he had in his Voyage before been carried to St. Domingo, he thought proper to make a particular Enquiry to whom the said Snow belonged; wherefore he went to the Fiscal, about four Days before the said Snow sailed, to be informed by him to whom the said Snow belonged; and that the said Fiscal informed him, that the said Snow belonged to the said Faesch, and that she was to sail when the Governor of *Curacoa* should give Orders. He further says, That he can't set forth by what Means Faesch gained a Property in the said Snow.

To the eighth he answers, That he can't set forth at what Time the present Master of the Snow was appointed by Mynheer Faesch, but that, when the said Master was appointed, the Hold of the Snow was nearly full, but there was nothing between Decks.

To the ninth he answers, That he *was first engaged* on board the said Snow, by the late Master, now deceased; but that the Voyage was particularly agreed upon; that he understood, the Design was *at first to go from Curacao, to St. Domingo, and there take in a Lading*; but that that Design was laid aside from an *Apprehension of being taken*, and therefore it was afterwards, as this Deponent understands, concluded upon to lade the Snow *aforsaid at Curacao*.

To the tenth he answers, That he did not refuse to sail without having his Wages, and that he received only one Month's Wages (which was the Custom of a Jew) who acted as an Agent for different Persons, sometimes for the Governor of Curacao, sometimes for Tipple, and at sometimes for John Jacob Faesch, Jun.

To the eleventh he answers, in the negative, to the whole of this Interrogatory.

To the twelfth he answers, That he knows nothing of the Papers, Letters, or other Writings, on board the Snow, or what have been produced; and that he knows of no Destruction of any Papers.

JOHN. TIEWES GRAFF.

Sworn before me, this 8th Day of February, 1759,
GEORGE STEUART.

Dirk Booy, Mate and Pilot, sworn
and examined, 8th February, 1759.

To the first Interrogatory he answers, That he does not know where the Snow *Resolute* was built; but he says he has heard, and believes, she is of French-built, and that he believes when built she belonged to a Subject of the French King; that it is about fifteen Months since the said Snow came to Curacao, and that he understood she was brought thither immediately from some of the French Islands; but which he cannot set forth.

To the second he answers, That the Lading of the said Snow appears, by the Manifest produced, and some other small Articles, which he cannot particularly set forth: He says he believes, the Indigo is of the Growth of some of the French Islands; and also, that most of the Sugar is of the same Growth, and also the most of the Cotton; and that the Cocoa, Hides, Wood, and Tobacco, are of the Growth of the Spanish Dominions; and that he cannot answer more particularly: He says, That the Cargo was taken on board at Curacao, all from the Shore, except Seventy-four Casks of Sugar, and two Bags of Cotton, from one Vessel, which came from St. Domingo; and also Thirty-seven Casks of Sugar from another Vessel from St. Domingo; and that these Sugars, and this Cotton, were taken on board the said Snow immediately out of the said Vessels; that one of the said Vessels belonged to Curacao, but he cannot set forth to what Place the other belonged; that the one had Spanish, and the other Dutch Colours.

To the third he answers, That he cannot set forth where the Casks were made; but he says he believes, the Casks, in which the Sugars are contained, were made in some of the French Islands.

To the fourth he answers, That his last Voyage before this, was from St. Domingo to Amsterdam, and thence to Curacao, and that he took his Departure from St. Domingo the latter End of May, 1757; and that the Cargo from St. Domingo was Sugar, Coffee, and Cotton, and that from Amsterdam of a mixed Kind, which he cannot set forth.

To the fifth he answers, That he was bound from Curacao to Amsterdam; he says, That a Trade is carried on between Curacao and St. Domingo in Sloops, and such Sort of Craft.

To the sixth he answers, He has nothing to add to what has been already set forth.

To the seventh he answers, That he understood, that the Snow *Resolute*, belongs to John Jacob Faesch, Jun. for the Reasons of his Belief he says, He heard so at Curacao, and that he made his Agreement, at first, with the Widow Tipple, and afterwards the said Faesch came on board, and said, he had bought the said Snow of the said Tipple, and gave Directions, as Owner, in Matters relating to the Business of the Snow; he says, That he understood the said Faesch bought the said Snow of the said Tipple for Five Thousand Pieces of Eight, to be compleatly fitted for the Sea; and that he understood the said Tipple gave about Six Hundred Pieces of Eight for her; and that she bought at Vendue the said Snow, of the Persons who bought her of the French, in some of the French Islands; but he says, He does not know, nor can set forth, for what Sum, or by what Means, the said Persons gave the said Snow from the French.

To the eighth he answers, That the present Master was appointed on the 2d Day of August, and as he understood by the said Faesch, the Secretary of Curacao, and some others, whose Names he cannot set forth, that at that Time two-thirds of the Cargo, and better, were on board.

To the ninth he answers, That when he was first shipped on board the said Snow, the Voyage then agreed upon was to St. Domingo, and thence to Amsterdam; but that the said Voyage was laid aside when Faesch bought the said Snow; but the particular Reasons of laying it aside, he cannot set forth.

To the tenth he answers, That he knows of none refusing to sail without their Wages; he says each received a Month's Wages before the said Snow sailed; and that he received Wages for seven Days in advance, and what was due to him to that Time; and that he took a Security from Faesch, and the Secretary, that he should have his whole Wages from Curacao to Amsterdam, and back again to Curacao, that in case he might not be able to make a new Contract, he might be no Loser.

To the eleventh he answers, in the negative, to the whole of this Interrogatory.

To the twelfth he answers, That he knows of no Letters, Papers, or other Writings, but those which have been produced; and that he does not know of the Destruction of any Letters, Papers, or other Writings: He says, That the Papers No. 1, and No. 2, are of the Hand-writing of the Master of the said Snow, as this Deponent believes; and gives, for Reason of his Belief, that he is acquainted with the Hand-writing of the said Master, and has examined the said Papers, and takes them, on such Examination, to be the Hand-writing of the said Master.

DIRK BOOYS.

Examined and sworn to before me this 8th Day of February, 1759,
GEORGE STEUART.

LETTERS and PAPERS found on board the Ship.

Messieurs Isaac and Zacharias Hope,

Curacao, 22d September, 1758.

GENTLEMEN,

I received yours of the 14th of June, per Captain Jan Marquart; I am heartily sorry I could not dispatch your six Letters. We have Account by Captain Jan Decveylder, who arrived here the 5th from Jamaica, that the English were fully determined to carry up all the Barks belonging to St. Eustatia, going or coming from the French Islands, and to condemn them for good Prizes. They have already carried up to Jamaica three Sloops belonging to this Place, and nine Sloops belonging to St. Eustatius, which has occasioned such Fright amongst us, that no body will risk any Vessels more these Ways, till further Advice; when convenient, I shall not fail to take the Opportunity. This Trouble doth not deserve any Excuse. I hope it may be in my Power to serve you, and that it may appear hereafter. Herewith do sign, with all dutiful Respect, Gentlemen,

Your Humble Servant,

JAN BONTECOE.

P. S. I have only had the Opportunity as yet, to dispatch each one Letter; it doth appear our News is false; that the English design to carry up our Vessels.

To Messieurs Isaac and Zacharias Hope, in Rotterdam.

Mr. Jan Texier in Amsterdam,

Curacoa, 22d September, 1758.

S I R,

I received your agreeable Letter; it should been answered by Captain Oxd. I am sorry I cannot herewith inform you of the Arrival of the Ship *Amsterdam*; I am afraid she is by this Time *good English*. If I was in your Place, should never clear the Ship in your Name, it being *very well known by the English Privateers* hereabouts. Likewise sending your Brother Commander of your Brigantine in *your Name*, with a *French Flag* and Commission. All such Actions doth not appear well in the Eye of their Nation. Next shall write you more fully. Mean Time I remain, with all Respect, Sir,

Your Humble Servant,

To Mr. Jan Texier, in Amsterdam.

Mr. Jan Rudolph Faesch,

New York, 22d July, 1758.

Dear Friend,

Since my last of the 13th of *January* to you, I have not received any Answer. I am sorry herewith to inform you, that Captain *Christian Hartman*, commanding the Ship called the *Vrouw Arsula*, is carried up to *New London*, by Captain *Allen*, whom I understand you engaged, for Three Hundred and Fifty Pieces of Eight, that he should convoy the said *Hartman* past the Islands, in his Way to *New London*. Captain *Hartman* has been with me, and intreated my Assistance, informing me that his Ship did belong to *your Mother, yourself and Brothers*. I went immediately, and advised with one of our best Lawyers, who told me, That, according to the Captain's own Declaration, *the Cargo did belong to the French*, and that it would be condemned, but that he imagined the Vessel would be acquitted, and his Freight paid him. I immediately run an Express to *Red Island*, for two Lawyers more, to procure Ship and Freight, and, if they could, the Cargo also, they should be genteely rewarded, besides all other Charges. Afterwards his Papers were sent here and examined; it did appear by his Charter-Party he loaded at *Martinico*. In his Declarations at *New London* he said, That his Ship did belong to the *Lady Faesch and Sons*, and that she was freighted by *Mr. Babbutt*, and loaded at *Martinico*. There was likewise found one Bill of Loading for the whole Cargo, shipped for Account of *Mr. Babbutt*, he paying one Glas with *Wine*, for Freight of *his Owners Goods*; where he makes *Mr. Babbutt* Owner of the Vessel, and that his Demand for Freight is but one Glas with *Wine*; through which I am half afraid he will lose his Freight, and perhaps his Ship also; he also declaring that *Mr. Babbutt* is a Frenchman, but doth not know how long he hath lived in *Amsterdam*. Mean while, I shall do my utmost to save the Ship, and perhaps the Freight, for your Mother and Brother's Account. There are several *Dutch Ships* brought up here, some of them had their Clearances regularly drawn out for *Dutch Account*, but, through Letters found in other Ships that was brought here, it was plainly discovered to be for *French Account*, and condemned.

My dear Friend, your humble Servant,

NICOLAS GOUVERNIER.

Mr. Joh' Steph' Rueb in Dordrecht.

Curacoa, 20th September, 1758.

S I R,

By Accident we are put past *St. Eustatius*: We advised together to proceed to *Curacoa*, where now we are waiting; that our Papers may be altered, then we may proceed without so much Troubles in Mind; from this Place the Risque is not so great. There was a Ship arrived here before me from the *French Islands*, with the same Intention, and the Governor was to get him proper Clearances, but the Inhabitants of this Place threaten they will take a Protest against the Governor, if he do furnish such Ships with Clearances; that it would hurt their Trade very much; then that Captain went off without any Clearances. Also another Ship arrived after him, was obliged to proceed the same Way. I privately went to two of my Acquaintances, that they should endeavour to purchase the same for me, but as yet nothing done. I never did suffer so much Fatigues upon a Voyage in my Life, and now I am ignorant how to behave. Likewise am uncertain whether or not you have insured the whole; if you have, I imagine it will be for a high Premium. If I get my Clearances here, it will cost me a vast deal of Money; there is none will assist any one here without great Rewards; but it is still better than the Whole be lost. If I knew you had not insured, or perhaps can get none, I would rather unload the Vessel, and load her again. I hope the Lord will direct me. In a short Time there will be two Vessels to sail from this, wherewith I shall write you more peremptorily. I rode out a very severe Storm at *Guadaloupe*, wherein many Vessels was cast away, but, thank God, I was preserved. When there, I sent Bills of Loading to *St. Eustatius*, to be sent you per first Opportunity from thence; per first from this, when Clear, shall send you a Copy thereof, with my Intention here, could you only insure against the Pirates, I am not afraid of any thing else. I wrote you this only to inform you that I was safe here, and that we are all well as yet; you'll be so good, and let all those who have any Interest this Way, read this Letter, that each may be informed thereof. I remain, with my Compliments, Dear Sir,

To Mr. Joh' Steph' Rueb, Merchant in Dordrecht.

Yours, &c. LUCAS JACOB SZ LOUT.

Monsr Louis Andre,

Oy Cayis, 26th July, 1758.

S I R,

I have neglected no Opportunity in writing to you by *St. Eustatius* and by *Curacoa*. This serves to inform you, that I am safe arrived at *Jagwernbe*, where I sold to the Value of One Hundred Thirty-three Thousand Two Hundred Forty-four Livres; and I sailed from that the 7th of *May*, and the 9th arrived here at *O Cayis*, in *St. Domingo*, where I have loaded, for your Account and Risque, Three Hundred and Forty Casks with brown Sugars, at Five and Six *per Hundred*. I have sold here, for Ready Money, to the Value of Fourteen Thousand Livres; there remains still some Meal, Sugar, and Thirty Hogheads of Wine, that is most spoiled, and there is very little Call for Beer. According to my Account, I have about Thirty-five Thousand Five Hundred and Forty Livres Value in Goods unfold. This Island is furnished with Plenty of all Kinds, from *St. Eustatius* and *Curacoa*; Sloops from thence arrive here each Day. The Indigo is here some at Five and Six Livres, Cotton at Ninety, Coffee at Seven and Eight Stuyvers. I can't inform you when I shall get loaded here; I design nothing else but brown Sugar for your Account. I have to do with here two Merchants, called *Maria* and *Monicar*, in Company, one of which is an unknown Villain; it is his Fault only I am so long detained here, he being intirely taken up with his Privateers and Sloops. And there are other *Dutch Ships* loading here, who has received Two to Three Hundred Casks of Sugar on board, in eight Days Time. It is nigh three Months since I came here; I think I shall load about Four Hundred Eighty, or Four Hundred Ninety Casks of Sugar. Captain *Derick Newman* is ready to sail from this for *Amsterdam*. Relating the Ship, I thank God all is well as yet, but am to be pited with my Company,

Company, only seven of us in Health. In Case I don't get away from this Place in Time, shall be detained for Want of Men. I can't complain anent the Weather, it has been pretty favourable for shipping Goods. I should herewith write you some Reasons, but think it is not necessary. I hope that God will preserve my Life, and bring us safe Home, and then shall praise God: I have very little Pleasure here. In case I am not dispatched better than have been hitherto, we shall consume all her outward Cargo before we leave this. I am much chagrined through this Delay, having nothing else to write you but my Compliments to your Brother and Friends, and remains, with due Respect, Sir,

To Monsr. Louis Andre, in Rotterdam.

Yours, &c. MARTINUS DE VRIES.

Messrs. Faesch and Ransom.

Curacoa, 22d Sept. 1758.

Letter from John Jacob Faesch to the Widow Faesch and Ransom in Amsterdam.

GENTLEMEN,
I have the Honour to inform you of Captain Marquard's safe Arrival here the 14th of August, wherewith was favoured with yours of the 20th of June, which shall be answered the next Opportunity; mean Time I approve of what you have done relating to my Goods at Saffy. I thought to have shipped some Bags with Coffee, on board Captain Adⁿ. Adrianzea, consigned to you, for account of M | R; but the Captain hath kept his Word of Honour to me as he hath to others. I design to put on board, Twenty-two Bags with Coffee, of Captain Londt, who hath come here from Guardaloupe, loaded with Sugars for Amsterdam, consigned to you: I expect he will be ready to sail from this in a Month's Time; I remain with Respect,

Your humble Servant,

To the Widow Faesch and Ransom in Amsterdam.

JOHAN JACOB FAESCH.

Messrs. Jan Brocken and Com.

Curacoa, 11th August, 1758.

Letter from Veeris and Klinkert to Mr. Jan Brocken and Company, Merchants in Rotterdam.

GENTLEMEN,
This being a Copy of our last, sent you by Captain Jan Vander Heyde, being an Answer I received to yours by Totel and Hans Cornelise, wherein you mention the Arrival of Verris; and that you will shew him all Service under the Heavens, and recommend him to all your good Friends, for which Compliment I return you most hearty Thanks, relating the Goods by Captain Hans Cornelise. We are just now employed unloading, after the Receipt of which, you may depend I will do all in my Power for your Interest. Anent Trade, it is as before, you will see and send us out more Goods, and of the best of their Kind. We also depend you will study our Interest of our Returns, by Captain Canisuis. We intreat you will bespeak, and send me per first Opportunity, some red Ginfes, Cottons, of Twenty-one or Twenty-two Ells in the Piece, and insure the same; what Goods we sent last you will close our first Account therewith. Now by the Ship the *Jouge Flistina*, we design some white Sugars and Coffee, to the Value of Four Hundred Pieces of Eight (which we have had some Time, waiting an Opportunity) for your Account. I have sold all your Cases with Brandy to Manuel Joseph, for Five i-half Pieces of Eight, each to be paid me in French Produce; your Checks have sold for Ten Pence the Ex^t. for Twenty Pieces of Eight, Books to Six Pieces of Eight, and all the rest in conform to the Account hereby. This being a Copy of a Request, which is, I do desire and intreat you will apply for other Orders, that no Vessel, who have loaded at the French Colonies, should be found any more with Clearances from this Place; because our Vessels, who drives a free Trade, are generally brought up, as if they had come from the French Colonies, relating this have wrote to Verris to join with you, and other Gentlemen of your Acquaintances, in procuring such Orders. We hope in a short Time to have the agreeable Accounts from you; hereby you have the Invoice, a Bill of Loading of Goods sent you, to the Value of Five Hundred Pieces in the Ship the *Warselaar*, Captain Tobias Canisuis. Likewise Invoice, and Bill of Loading of Coffee, to the Value of Two Hundred and Eighty-eight Pieces of Eight; the other Ship will be ready in a Fortnight after this Bearer hereof. I remain with Esteem, Gentlemen,

Your humble Servant,

To Mr. Jan Brocken and Comp. Merchants in Amsterdam.

VEERIS and KLINKERT.

No. 1.

Mr. Johan. Stuylings Corn. Son.

Curacoa, 22d September, 1758.

S I R,

Letter from John Bontecoe to Mr. Johan. Stuylings Corn. Son in Amsterdam.

Since my last to you by Captain de Witté and J. Canisuis, there is no Alteration in our Trade. To-day I received Letters from St. Domingo, one of which, from Captain Jan Jans Mynderts, that he was safe arrived there, at Cape Francois, in St. Domingo, and his Owners were resolved he should not proceed from St. Domingo, for Amsterdam, but order her strait here to Curacoa; I wish he may not come too late for his Orders. Herein inclosed, you have Invoice, and Bill of Loading (as by account the Invoice) loaded in the Snow, the *Resolute*, Captain Gerrit Rieverts, value P^s. 577 2 2. May God direct him to his Port. I end this with all respect, my dear Nephew,

Yours, &c. JAN BONTECOE.

P. S. Inclosed the Account of Sales to the Value of P^s. 1982 1 4.

Curacoa, 28th August, 1758.

Invoice inclosed in said Letter.

The Invoice of the undermentioned Goods shipped by me on board the *Resolute*, Captain Gerrit Rieverts. The Half for Account of *Johannis Stuyling Cornellison* in Amsterdam, and the other Half for Account of M. R.

Sc. 1. One Cask St. Domingo Indigo weighing		234 lb.	
		27 Tare.	
		207	Net at 13 Rixd. Pieces 336 : 3
[S] 12 Seren Caracas Cocoa		Net 1243 lb.	
		Tare 125	
		Net 1118 lb.	at 21 per Cent. 234 6 1
Charges.			
To the Weigh-house, $\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent.	Pieces 1 4 2		
Carriage	2 6 4		
Cask, &c.	1 4 1		
Bill of Loading	0 2 0		
To Mr. <i>Johannis Stuyling Cornellison</i> in Amsterdam the $\frac{1}{2}$ Pieces		288 5 1	Pieces 577 2 2
To the Account of M. R. the other Half		288 5 1	577 2 2

Your humble Servant,

JOHN BONTECOE.

September

No. 2.

September 22d, 1758, per Captain Gerrit Rieverts.

GENTLEMEN,

Herewith you have the Invoice and Bill of Loading of 13 Casks White Sugar, and 2 Bags with Coffee shipped on board the *Resolute*, Captain *Gerrit Rieverts*, Value Pieces 865 6 o. Also the Invoice of 8 Casks ditto, and one Bag with Coffee shipped in the above Vessel, Value 356 1. Also the Invoice and Bill of Loading for one Cask of white Sugar for Account of Mr. R. You'll please send me a Parcel of fine Pocket Handkerchiefs. I remain with Compliments,

Your humble Servant,

JOHAN JACOB FAESCH.

LAUS DEO.

Curacao, 11th August 1758.

Invoice of one Cask White Sugar shipped on board the Snow the *Resolute*, Captain *Gerrit Rieverts*, for Account and Risque of M. R. and consigned to Mr. *Peter Benezet* and Son, the Mark and Number as per Margent.

P B one Cask Sugar weighing 980 lb.
F 176

No. 22. Net 804 and 3 Pieces.

64 2 4

Charges.

To bringining on board, and Bill of Loading, &c. Pieces 2 5 2

To the Insurance of Pieces 60 4 6 0

7 3 2

Pieces 71 6 0

Your most humble Servant,

JOHAN JACOB FAESCH.

To Mr. *Benezet* and Son in *Amsterdam*.

No. 3.

Curacao, 22d August 1758.

GENTLEMEN,

The Invoice of three Casks with *St. Domingo* Indigo shipped by me on board the Snow *Resolute*, Captain *Gerrit Rieverts*, the Half for Account of Mr. *Johannis Stuyling Cornellison*, and the other Half for Account of M. R.

Three Casks Weighing

No. 1. Bought 197 Tare 21 lb.

2. 196 18

3. 105 13

498 Tare 52 lb.

52

Net 446 lb. at 13 Rials per lb.

Pieces 724 6

The Charges.

To the Weigh-house $\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent. of Pieces 278 6

Deduction, $\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent.

To Cask, &c.

To Bill of Loading

Pieces 1 3 1

3 4 5

2 0 0

0 2 0

7 2 0

732 0 0

Dr. Mr. *Johannis Stuyling Cornellison* in *Amsterdam* his Account.

For the Half 366

Also to M. R. the other Half 366

732 0 0

Your humble Servant,

JACOB E. HOSPE.

To Mr. *Johannis Stuyling Cornellison* in *Amsterdam*.

Curacao, 13th September, 1758.

No. 4.

Dear Brother *Barrant Veoris*.

My last to you was by Way of *St. Eustatius*. Yesterday arrived have the Snow *Ann Catherine*, Captain *Lucas Jacob Londt*, from *Guadaloupe* for to clear out, and brought us the melancholy Accounts, through the violent Storm on the 23d and 24th of *August* last, that 9 Vessels was drove away from that Place, and 54 Vessels from *Martinico*, big and small, God knows how it is at *St. Eustatius*. I long now for Captain *Musbard's* and *Rievert's* failing against the 23d of this, and *Spin. Cornelis Tortel*; and the Ship of *Adriansen* will be ready to fail against the Beginning of *October*, together containing a vast Quantity of Goods to our Wish. But I wish there would come a Fleet of Ships to carry off a Parcel of Goods: All our Stores are full, and the Sloops that are come here loaded are obliged to keep their Cargoes on board, because we have no more Rooms on Shore for it. We are lumbered ourselves with a vast deal, besides what we are daily receiving. You'll please to enquire of Mr. *Tonis*, or any other Friend, to consign a Couple of large Fly-Boats, or Doggers, to me to draw away a large Parcel of Goods to my Correspondent. I have purchased a Parcel of Yellow Wood. So soon as I have an Opportunity it shall be remitted you. I have also a large Parcel of Wood (*Ligna Vite*) in Custody, I design to consign to Mr. *Abraham Van Pembroek* for Account of T. R. We just now have Account, that there is a Vessel with Slaves, belonging to *Rotterdam*, put past this Place, and put into *Aruba*. My Compliments to all our good Friends. We are thank God all in good Health. I remain your loving Brother. N. B. My Wife gives her Compliments to you.

Since the above we have Accounts, that there are 20 Vessels big and small drove away from *St. Eustatius*, but thank God there are none drove away from *St. Domingo*. You may expect I will ship you a large Quantity per *Spin* and *Hans Cornelise*, of which I shall advise you per next Vessel from this.

WILLIAM KLINKERT.

Sept. 22d, 1758. The Copy of the above I sent you by Way of *St. Eustatius*; since arrived here a small Snow, Captain *Jan Laurantz*, belonging to *Rotterdam*, from *St. Eustatius*. Further this serves to advise you, I have hereby inclosed an open Letter (for your Perusal) for Mr. *Bernhoff*. Secondly, The Captain *Tortel* and Crews Declarations of the Goods stole from them at Sea. And thirdly, the Invoice and Bill of Loading of different Goods for Account of T. R. put on board the Snow *Resolute* *Gerrit Rieverts*. And fourthly, The ditto of Goods for Account of T. R.

T. R. on board of *Spin*. And afterwards I shipped on board of *Spin*, consigned to *Zeybrand Harfen* some Coffee to the Value of (1916) Pieces of Eight. Hereby also his Account Current, wherein is Four Pieces of Eight, and Five Rials Dr. which must be brought to a new Account. Likewise the Account of Sales and Account Current to Mr. *Nicholas Toonis*, the first is Neat Pieces 406 7 Rials.

Ditto his Account Current.		Pieces	2713	1	$\frac{1}{4}$
Mr. <i>Tenbrak</i> and Co. their second Account of Sales.	_____		766	3	2
<i>Boston</i> and <i>Tenbroken</i> their Account Current	_____		995	6	2
Mr. <i>Nicholas Londt</i> his Account of Sales	_____		191	1	4
<i>Londert Van Velsen</i> his ditto ditto	_____		299	9	2
<i>Jacob Julius</i> ditto	_____		177	0	1

I have just now a pretty Parcel of Goods in Custody for Account of the Gentlemen, *Toonis*, *Bosten*, and *Tenbroeken*; every one is at a Loss with their Goods, all our Warehouses are choaked up, and we have no Vessels to carry it away; the Freight is risen 25 per Cent. Anent Trade it is as we would wish. My Compliments to my Friend *Koy*, and acquaint him, that I design to remit him as soon as possible, he may depend on it, to the Value of 600 Pieces of Eight for T. R. The Sloop of Mr. *Seys* is sent to the Coast for his Mules, and does expect her Return here every Moment; that Gentleman write me wishing our Prosperity in Trade may continue. To long for Ships is not to mention, but wishing we had all our Goods safe home to our Friends to satisfy them, and that they should not imagine we kept their Goods in Custody for our Advantages. I have drawn two Bottomries on the Goods shipped on board of *Spin* to enlarge our Sum for Equipage to the Hill. My Compliments to the Gent. *Langelaant* and *Dockhart*, *Otte Van Poelen*, *Booren Nooring* and *Louis Piers*; also *Baxman Lourens*, and *Ten Caatan*. Acquaint those three last, that I have Goods in Custody to remit them, and the two last, I have sold all their Goods I had last of them, and I have Indigo to remit them for it. The Captains *Spin*, *Musbart*, *Cornelius Dirken* will be ready in eight Days hence, wherewith shall write you more particularly; I have remitted you per *Hans Cornelius*, wherewith I shall write you. I long much to hear from you. I am, thank God, with my whole Family, in good Health. Our Compliments to you and Family and all good Friends, wishing you all much Comfort of Life and Health. I remain with Respect, loving Brother,

Your humble Servant and Brother,

WILLIAM KLINKERT.

N. B. I have sent Mr. *Adrian Dirkefe* his Account Current, the Ballance to him being Pieces 205 to be brought to New Account.

Invoice of divers Goods for Account of T. R. shipped on board the *Resolutte*, consigned to *Barent Verries*, in his Absence to Mr. *Martin d'Koy* in Amsterdam.

Invoice of Goods for Account of T. R. shipped on board the Snow *Resolutte*, Captain *Gerrit Rieverts*, and consigned to *Barent Verries*, in his Absence to Mr. *Martin Koy* in Amsterdam.

208 Pieces of Logwood	Net 22000 lb. at 8 Rials	Pieces	220	0	0
9 Lappen Hides	60 dit. at 4 Stivers		5	0	0
5 Serren Curacao Cocoa	514 dit. at 21 per Cent.		107	7	3
To Deduction	Pieces 1 5 3	Pieces	332	7	3
To the Weigh-house	0 7 5				
To Workmen and Bill of Lading	4 2 1		6	7	3
		Pieces	339	7	0

BK 2 Casks with Orange Peels	Net 280 lb. at 6 Stivers	Pieces	35	0	0
1 Bag with Coffee	146 lb. at 7 ditto		21	2	2
		Pieces	56	2	2
To all Charges bringing on board			3	6	4
		Pieces	400	0	0
Of one Bottomry for <i>Peter Ransenburg</i> .	Pieces 200 0 0				
Ditto one ditto for <i>Aarjen Dirks</i>	40 0 0				
One ditto for T. R.	160 0 0	Pieces	400	0	0

(S. E.) Curacao, August 1758.

VEORIS and KLINKERT.

To Mr. *Barend Veoris*, in his Absence to Mr. *Martin d'Koy* in Amsterdam.

No. 5.

LAUS DEO.

Curacao 11th August, 1758.

Invoice of three Casks of white Sugar, shipped on board the *Resolutte*, for Account of M. R. of Mr. R. and consigned to Mr. *Peter Munck*, in Amsterdam, marked as per Margent. Three Casks White Sugar, weighing,

Invoice of three Casks White Sugar, shipped on board the Snow *Resolutte*, Captain *Gerrit Rieverts*, for Account of Mr. R. and consigned to Mr. *Peter Munck*, in Amsterdam, marked as per Margent. Three Casks White Sugar, weighing,



- No. 1. 1355 lb.
2. 1160 do.
3. 1430 do.

Pieces 18	Pieces 710	Nett 3235 lb. at 10 per Cent.	Pieces 323	4
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$\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent. the Weighhouse, $\frac{1}{2}$ the Carriage	Pieces 3	2
$\frac{1}{2}$ per the Warehouse	3	2
The Cooperage, &c. bringing on board	1	4
		8
	Pieces	331 4

Your most humble Servant,

JOHAN JACOB FAESCH.

Mr. *Herman Vanyendoorn* of Rotterdam.

St. Domingo, Cayes, 15th May, 1758, duplicate.

S I R,

When in *Paris* I had the Pleasure to hear from you, but since hear not a Word, although the Time's favourable for an Enterprize to these Parts; and am surprised you have not been tempted, knowing me to be here, and in a Condition to render you Service; Messrs. *Hope* am persuaded find the Sweets of the Commerce.—Here any Vessel, with a small Assortment of Provisions, and Graneries fit for the Plantations, cannot fail of a free Trade; there

there may be besides an Assortment of all kind of dry Goods. Was I not forced to remain here, it is long since you would have seen me with you, to execute a Project of the kind. We have actually in this Port three *Amsterdam* Vessels, which, if get safe, must make great Voyages; but the *English* seem to forbid their having any Trade here; several have been lately stopped and brought to *Jamaica*, where, it is said, they are all made good Prizes. It is surprising the *Dutch* do not make proper Representations to the Court of *England*; such Roguery was never heard of, as that of the Admiralty Court of *Jamaica*; it is assured, the Judge will do any thing for Money.

This you will receive under Cover of Madam *Van Lenope* of *Curacoa*, to whom do send it to be forwarded to you, and inclosed; you have *Frederick Van Lendts*'s first Bill of Exchange, on Mr. *Abraham Van Hoboken* of *Amsterdam*, for Eight Hundred and Fifty-nine Florins, Current Money, being the Amount of Sugars sold to complete the Cargo of Mr. *De Windt*'s, of *St. Eustatius*, Vessel, which loaded at *Leogaine*, which I beg you will get accepted, and keep at the Disposal of its second; and, in case of Non-acceptance, you will please to make the usual Protest, and arrest the Funds of said *De Windt* in said Hands, or claim the Sugars on the Arrival of the Vessel, so as to assure me my Debt. I shall be glad to hear from you, which will be easy by Way of *Curacoa*; we have a continual Trade there, which is all at present from Sir,

Your assured humble Servant,

PAUL CREAGH.

Brown Sugars			6 per Cent.
White ditto		18 a 22	per Cent.
Indigo	5 10	a	6 lb. per Cent.
Coffee	7	a	8 per lb.
Cotton	90	a	100 per Cent.

All sorts of Provisions in Demand, especially Wine and Flour.

S I R,

Inclosed you have the second Bill of Exchange to your Order, for which please to give me Credit, when in Cash, and keep said Money at my Disposal, giving me Advice of its Acceptance, or Protest, that I may act accordingly.

CREAGH.

To Mr. Herman Vanyendoorn, Merchant, in Rotterdam.

In the Process are transmitted the Translations made by Dr. Broughton, of sundry *Spanish* Letters found on board the Ship, some few of which are translated at Length; but by far the greatest Number are said to be only Parts of the Contents of sundry *Spanish* Letters, without mentioning their Dates, or from, or to whom wrote, or setting forth any Part of the Contents of Accounts and Bills of Lading mentioned to be therein inclosed.

EXTRACTS from some of the said *Spanish* Letters so transmitted at Length.

In one of them, wrote from *Abraham de Iffenor*, to Mr. *Isaac Rodgers Penamacar* at *Amsterdam*, dated *Curacoa*, 22d Sept. 1758, there are these Paragraphs:

"It was a great Price that of Six Pieces for the *Harleumer Buckjes*, and I doubt whether I shall get as much for the remaining, because they are blue, which are not at all requested for at the *French Colonies*.
" *Cas de Linza*, and dark ones with Flowers, curious and gay with large Branches, these being two principal
" Articles for the *French Colonies*."

In another, wrote from Mess. *Isaac Medina* and *Manuel de Pina*, to Mr. *Francis Henry Mesquita* at *Amsterdam*, and dated *Curacoa*, Sept. 22d, 1758, are the following Paragraphs:

"We have not had Opportunity to sell any Thing of your Cargo, because Business does not go on very favourable through the Fear of the *English*, until we know what has been the Result of the Prizes taken to *Jamaica*.
"Of your little Ship there has not been any News. We are fearful she is taken to *Jamaica*, from whence we
"expect a Vessel hourly, God cheer us with good News."

In another from said Mess. *Isaac de Medina* and *Manuel de Pina*, to Mr. *Isaac de Orobio de Castro* at *Amsterdam*, dated *Curacoa*, 22d Sept. 1758, there is the following Paragraph:

"Our Commerce does not go on very favourably, owing to the great Fear of the *English*, and we are all with great Uneasiness waiting for Vessels from *Jamaica*, that we may know what has been done with the Prizes they took there. God assist us with his Auxiliaries."

And in another Letter from said Mess. *Isaac de Medina* and *Manuel de Pina*, to Mr. *Isaac Salom* at *Amsterdam*, dated *Curacoa*, 22d Sept. there is the following Paragraph:

"At present we have no News of the small Ship *Amsterdam*, which by all Appearances is carried to *Jamaica*, from whence we are all waiting with great Uneasiness for a Vessel, that we may know the Result of the Prizes which were taken there; that according thereto we may know how to govern and manage our Dispatches, which at present is done by some with much Fear; for which Reason we enjoyed but few Sales in our last. God cheer us with good News."

TRANSLATIONS of some other of the *Spanish* Letters as made by Dr. Broughton, and transmitted in the Process.

No. 7.

Remission of One Barrel, containing One Hundred Forty-five Pounds nett of excellent Indigo of *St. Domingo*; Request for Goods to be sent to the Writer of No. 7. such as he says are much wanted for the *French Colonies*, and will afford great Interest. Inclusive is a Memorandum of the Kind of Goods required, which he says ought to be of a very good Quality, as such will afford so much the more Gain; and that, with the Help of God, he shall make quick Sale. Is also included an Account and Bill of Lading of One Barrel Indigo, with One Hundred Sixty-three Pounds nett of good Quality, shipped in the *Dolphin*, Captain *Jacob Spin*. The Produce of said Indigo to be remitted in *English* and *French* Goods, such as are most suitable (on Account of the present War) for the *French Colonies*. The Letter further contains Returns to be made in Coffee or Indigo, on the Return of certain Vessels, at set Prices. There is also inclusive in this Letter, the Account for the first-mentioned Barrel of Indigo, with the Bill of Lading; and the Writer proposes great Advantages to his Correspondent by trading to the *French Colonies* during the War between *England* and *France*.

Note, None of the Accounts, or Bills of Lading mentioned therein, are transmitted in the Process.

No. 19.

Account Current and Bill for One Barrel of Indigo, and Four Three-eighths of Silver, On the Back of the Letter the within Bill is said not to be mentioned in the Manifest.

Remits

No. 20.

Remits a Bag of Cocoa, with Bill, said not to be in the Manifest, as the No. 19.

No. 24.

Remits with the Consignment One Barrel Indigo, 40 lb. in the same Barrel 5 lb. Caret (I know not what this Caret is) a Sack of Cocoa, 190 Sacks of Coffee of *St. Domingo*, 275 lb. nett, One Tierce of Cocoa, 100 lb. nett; follows an Invoice of Goods, &c. *N. B.* Sundry Names of Goods in the several Invoices I do not know how to call them in *English*; they are not wrote in true *Spanish*, nor have I met with one Line, in any of the Letters I have as yet examined, that is; but they are all in that Jargon common in *Curacao*, called *Papimient*, the Converse of which I attained while on that Isle, and, with a good deal of Difficulty, do understand the Letters in every Particular, except the Names given to some Goods in their Mercantile Way. This I thought necessary to advert. Next follows another Remission by Captain *David Musbard* in the *Zee Post* of One Barrel Indigo, 104 lb. 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Caret; and in said Barrel 7 lb. of Indigo. Follows another Invoice of Goods, the third Article is Three Thousand Gun Flints. They are but very few the Names of Goods that I do not comprehend. Inclusive in this Letter two Bills of Loading.

Note, None of the Papers mentioned in this Letter are transmitted.

No. 28.

Remits One Barrel Indigo with Bill Loading and Account. Complains of no News or Tidings as yet of the small Ship *Amsterdam*; so that, to all Appearance, it seems to be taken to *Jamaica*, from whence they are all with great Uneasiness expecting Vessels for to know what was the Result of the Prizes carried there, that according thereto they may know how to govern their Dispatches, which for the present some do with much Fear; for which Reason they have enjoyed but few Sales since their last. They pray God to give them the Pleasure of good News.

Note, The Bill of Lading, or Account, mentioned in this Letter, are neither of them transmitted.

No. 33.

A Letter in the same Language as all the rest, but the Form and Smallness of many of the Letters renders, in Part, unintelligible to me; after sundry Revivals, though from what I perfectly comprehend (which is at least Seven-eighths, I am satisfied it contains no other Matter than the receiving, selling, and distributing sundry Parcels of Goods, giving Intelligence of such as are most suitable, at the present Time, and rendering Accounts of Remissions made, and Effects in Possession, such as Coffee, Cocoa, and Indigo, to be remitted by first Opportunity. Inclusive is an Account, Current Accounts of former Remissions, Bills of Loading, one of the past Remission of 163 Hides of *Caracas*. I thought it necessary (though I am satisfied as to the Contents of said Letter) to advert the above.

Certificate of Dr. Broughton, on his bringing in his Translations of the Spanish Papers.

I have revised the Letters, but do not find more to note; or that there is to be applied to the Account of Marks, and Characters—the Lines above the Hieroglyphick * Head (or whatever it is in No. 3.) I take to be *Hebrew*, and in the *Spanish* that follows is cited, and said to be Part of a Former, to which he remits; there is a Post-script which I take to be *Arabic*, as there is in two or three other Letters. There is a large Letter wrote intirely in *Arabic*, with one inclosed of the same sort; I believe it to be *Arabic*, from having seen the like before, but do not understand it; and the *Hebrew* appears, I think pretty plain.

In the Translations I have used the nearest Significations to the original Terms, without paying due regard to Orthography, or Rhetorick, they may be depended on.

NATH. BROUGHTON.

* It is very curious.

TRANSLATIONS of EXTRACTS, from French Letters, found on board the Ship.

Caye, 9th September, 1757.

There are many *Dutch* Ships here, but they run as much Risque as the *French*, which is the Reason I dare not load them with any Thing without your Orders.

COLLET, No. 1.

To Mr. Jean Bodin Dunkerque.

Guardaloupe, 14th August, 1758.

The *Dutchmen* as Neutrals come here, and bring us some trifling Provisions, which they sell at an exorbitant Price; but this is not to be wondered at, if we consider the excessive Duties they are made to pay, and the great Dangers they run, on the Part of the *English* Vessels which infest our Seas here, and who endeavour to deprive us of all Provisions for the Mouth from Strangers. In Truth we serve them in like Manner, and make from Time to Time Captures on them.

ROGER DE MAGLIORE, No. 2.

Caye, 5th May 1758.

The *English* stop all *Dutch* Vessels they meet with, either coming in or going out. There are Nineteen at *Jamaica*, and we have just learnt, that they have taken several others, whose Names we have not as yet heard, exclusive of many others which have been carried to *New York*, *Providence* and *Philadelphia*. Do not mention this least it should raise Insurance, &c.

JAMES LINCOLN, No. 3.

To Mr. J. L. de Grimaud, Merchant at Harlem.

THE

RESOLUTTE,

GERRIT RIEVERTS, *Master.*

A P P E N D I X

TO THE

RESPONDENT'S Printed CASE.